

# REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 16 October 2002  
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.  
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Roadshow Entertainment (NZ) Ltd  
 Title of Publication: Harrison's Flowers  
 Other Known Title(s): Not Stated  
 Director(s): Elie Chouraqui  
 Producer(s): Elie Chouraqui  
 Publisher: Not Applicable  
 Author(s): Not Applicable  
 Format: DVD  
 Country of Origin: France  
 Language(s): English

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## Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Play  
 Chapters  
 Special Features  
 Trailers

Feature:	Harrison's Flowers	Running time:	126.41
Timed Components:	Copyright Warning/21st Century Pictures	Running time:	
	Notices		0.40
	The Making Of "To End All Wars"		29.54
	The Last Minute		1.57
	Girl From Rio		1.40
	To End All Wars		2.43
	Men With Brooms		3.05
	The Sea Wolf		2.08

Other Components: Production Notes  
 Cast And Crew Filmographies

Total Running time: 168.48

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence, offensive language and drug use.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 15 October 2002

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The DVD entitled *Harrison's Flowers* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

The DVD mainly contains the feature of the same title, set in 1991 in the war-torn former Yugoslavia. The story follows Sarah in her determined search for her husband and colleague, a successful and famous American photojournalist who is missing and presumed dead. She inspires several other journalists to assist her, finally finding him in ravaged Vukovar. Along the way they experience and witness first-hand atrocities that characterised the war. The feature is identical to that originally examined as a video recording and classified by the Classification Office (OFLC Ref. 201325). The classification, objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years, was registered in September 2002. The descriptive note 'Contains violence, offensive language and drug use' was attached to the video recording.

In addition to the feature the DVD contains five trailers previewing other features, a documentary short feature that examines the making of the previewed feature *To End All Wars*, production information relating to the main feature, and two notices. However these additional components do not affect the classification given to the original feature. Four of the five trailers and one notice appearing on the DVD version are the same as those included in the original video recording. Of the remaining additional content, the most significant is the 'making-of' short feature. Although this content adds to the extent to which brutal and realistic violence and cruelty in relation to war is depicted, its manner of presentation, including establishing a context of real events, is consistent with that of the feature.

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